

BEYOND THE EXHIBITS

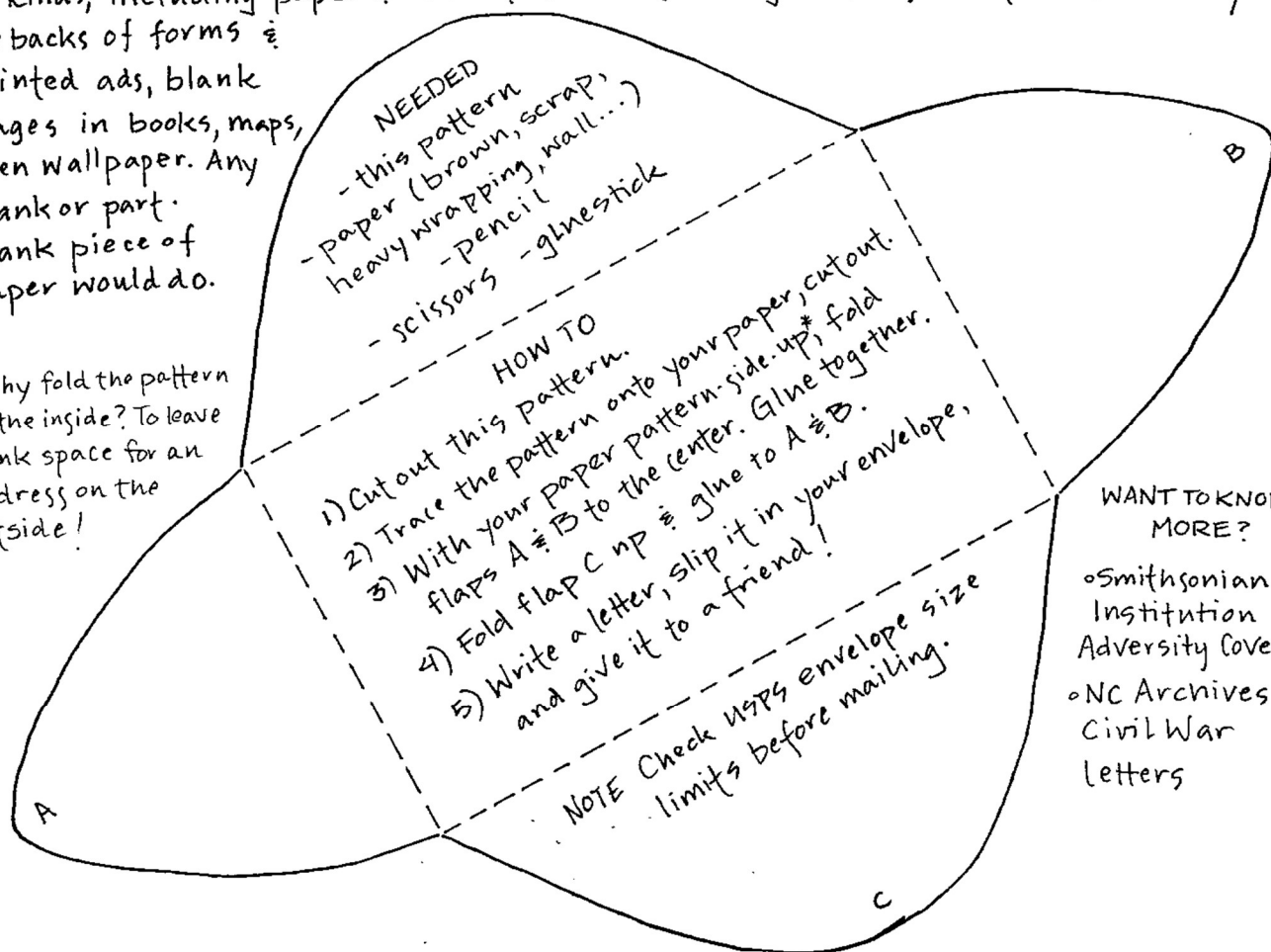
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A Soldier's Life Create an Envelope

CIVIL WAR ENVELOPES 1860s= How did you keep in touch with family & friends?
 Write a letter. What if you lived in the South, where Union blockades caused shortages of all kinds, including paper & envelopes? Writers began to use whatever was handy- the backs of forms &

printed ads, blank pages in books, maps, even wallpaper. Any blank or part-blank piece of paper would do.

* Why fold the pattern on the inside? To leave blank space for an address on the outside!



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